CITY OF MIAMI BEACH Office of the City Manager Letter to Commission No. 063-2004



Date: March 4, 2005

To:

Mayor David Dermer and

Members of the City Commission

From:

Jorge M. Gonzalez

City Manager

Subject:

LEO AWARD RECIPIENTS

This Letter to the City Commission is to announce and congratulate Detective Luís King and Sergeant Rick Clements for their LEO Awards presented at the annual awards presentation on February 26, 2005.

Detective Luis King received the prestigious Officer of the Year Award and a Medal of Valor for his actions in October 2004 in apprehending an attempted homicide subject who had just fled the scene of a shooting. Detective King was in the area finishing an off-duty job when the BOLO went out. Detective King immediately responded to the area and a foot chase ensued. During the one block foot chase, the subject produced a large firearm and proceeded to point it at Detective King. Detective King shot at the subject three times causing the subject to drop the firearm. The subject's discarded Glock pistol was recovered and the subject was apprehended. Detective King's immediate and decisive action removed a violent criminal with no regard for the sanctity of human life from the streets of our City.

Sgt. Rick Clements was selected to receive the award in the Crime Prevention / Community Policing award category. Sgt. Clements has applied progressive techniques in bringing the Police Department to the people of Miami Beach and creating an environment of evolving partnerships. His efforts have included a large scale graffiti investigation, assisting with Homeless Outreach, coordinating community outreach during Memorial Day, modernizing communications with a sophisticated email system for crime watch/home owners groups, and training on crime prevention techniques for hoteliers.

Please join me in congratulating these extraordinary individuals for their hard work and dedication to both the Miami Beach Police Department and the City of Miami Beach.

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c: Detective Luis King Sergeant Rick Clements

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